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(3) the extent of the encumbrances of the several estates when they were taken over by the Court of Wards; and

(4) when these estates will be free from encumbrances and be given back to the owners?

A.—(1), (2) & (3) The hon. Member is referred to the Administration Reports of the Court of Wards which are regularly placed on the Editors' Table.

(4) The Government are unable to say when the liabilities of the encumbered estates will be cleared. The release of estates from the Superintendents of the Court of Wards will be regulated by the provisions of sections 54 to 57 of the Court of Wards Act.

The Sivaganga estate.

290 *Q.*—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Court of Wards administering the Sivaganga estate has contracted debts, and if so, to state the amount and the circumstances that led to it; also to furnish the date when the debt was incurred or any loan contracted?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 64.

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—" Sir, my question is not exactly as the interpellation referred to No. 64. I want to know exactly when and before what date these debts were incurred?"

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE:—" If it is the date that he wants I shall enquire, Sir."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—" I shall be much obliged if the hon. Member furnishes the information, Sir."

Economic condition.

Damages caused by floods in South Kanara.

291 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have collected any statistics with regard to the damages caused by floods in South Kanara;

(*b*) if so, what is the number of houses which have collapsed or have been damaged by the floods;

(*c*) what is the total area on which crops have been damaged by the floods;

(*d*) what is the total area damaged by accumulation of sand and otherwise rendered unfit for cultivation;

(*e*) what is the total extent (1) of one crop and (2) of double crop land damaged by the floods;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that rich pattadars are to be excluded from the benefit of remission of revenue sanctioned on this account;

(*g*) whether any rules have been drawn up by the Collector defining 'rich and poor' for purposes of remission and whether those rules have had the approval of Government; and